Thus, at present, a single officer is in charge of the following three appointments :—

(1) Commissioner for Food Production.
(2) Director of Agriculture.
(3) Controller of Civil Supplies.

This combined charge is too heavy for one officer and does not conduce to efficient administration. It is also considered that there is no homogeneity in the charges combined as above.

Sanction is therefore accorded for the transfer of the work relating to the Civil Supplies Department from the Director of Agriculture to the charge of the Director of Food Supplies.

Orders notifying the appointment of Director of Food Supplies as Controller of Civil Supplies are issued separately.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Orders the fixation of Maximum Age limit in the case of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as Thirty Years.

READ—

G.O. No. 6-105—C.R.B. 1-34-1, dated 3rd July 1934, fixing among other things, the maximum age limit for purposes of entry into service as 28 years in the case of candidates belonging to Backward Communities among whom are also included candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

2. Notification No. E. 6352—R. & P.S. 3-52-4, dated 7th August 1952, publishing the Resolution of the Government of India, received with their letter No. 42/19/51-N.G.S., dated 25th June 1952, in the matter of relaxing the maximum age limit to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for entry into non-Gazetted service.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. 7003—52-3—P.S.C. 42-52-1, dated 22nd November 1952, from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bangalore, stating that since the Government of India have raised the maximum age limit for appointment to service to 30 years in the case of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Public Service Commission are of opinion that the maximum age limit in the case of these communities for purposes of recruitment to State Services may be fixed as thirty years.

ORDER No. E. 13654-80—R. & P.S. 3-52-37, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND JANUARY 1953.

The proposal of the Public Service Commission is sanctioned.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Directs that the Character Books of Government Officials should be treated as part of the personal file of the Government Official and should not be returned to him in any case.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. O.M. Fl. (B) 13249-349—C.R. 53-52-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH FEBRUARY 1953.

Subject:—Return of Character Books of officials to them after they retire from service.

A doubt has been expressed as to whether the character books of officials ma be returned to them on their retirement either voluntarily or at their request.